



St Marguerite d'Youville, the foundress of the Sisters of Charity, was the first candidate for sainthood born in Canada. Her memorial day is October 16th.

Early Years:

Marguerite was born to parents Christophe Dufrost de Lajemmerais and Marie-Renée Gaultier de Varennes. Her father died when

she was seven years old, leaving the family impoverished. Thanks to her maternal great-grandfather, Pierre Boucher de Boucherville (the former Governor of Trois-Rivières) Marguerite was able to travel to Quebec City and receive religious instruction from the Ursuline order, from around age 11 to 13. Upon her return to Varennes, Marguerite, who was the eldest of six children, undertook the education of her siblings and helped to support her widowed mother.

Marguerite married Francois d'Youville in 1722 but would be left a widow eight years later upon Francois' death. During these eight years, Marguerite had six children, four of whom died as infants. Marguerite's two living sons would later become priests.

Despite the many great difficulties in her young life, Marguerite maintained her involvement in various religious and charitable organizations. A profound religious awakening prompted her to dedicate her life to charity. In 1737 Marguerite and three colleagues formed an association to help the poor and opened a home to welcome them. This association, known as the Sisters of Charity, would evolve over time into the Grey Nuns.

The Sisters of Charity

Initially, Marguerite's efforts were directed at supporting women in dire need, as there were no facilities or services available at the time in Montreal. In 1747, the Grey Nuns were put in charge of Hôpital Général de Montréal. The institution evolved into a hospice for aged men and women, the disabled, foundlings, orphans and "fallen women," among others. In 1750, civil and ecclesiastical authorities decided to unite it with the Hôpital Général de Québec. It is around this time that the Grey Nuns began wearing the grey habit that identified their community well into the 1960s.

In 1755 the women finally began their life as the Sisters of Charity of the Hôpital Général. They developed various enterprises including farms, an orchard, a mill and a bakery to finance their work. Though initially involved in the care of those who could not care for themselves, it was during the smallpox epidemic of 1755 and the Seven Years' War that their hospital became more of a comprehensive

medical establishment. Though her hospital would burn to the ground in 1765 and Marguerite would pass away in 1771, the religious order she founded would continue to grow and take on important roles in the history of Montreal, Quebec and Canada.



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

NEW WEEKDAY/WEEKNIGHT MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 13

8:00 am + In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother – Maria C
7:00 pm – for elections in the USA

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 am + ANTONIO RESENDES – Maria Resendes
7:00 pm + WILTOLD WILKOWSKI – Plaga family
+ JORGIANA MELO, JAIME TEIXEIRA, WILLIAM FURTADO,
JOAO, LUIS and EDUARDO - Tina

CONFESSIONS 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Thursday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving for Blessings - Purita
7:00 pm + ANNA MARIA URBANO – Fatima and Tony

Friday, October 16 – St. Marguerite d'Youville

8:00 am + JOSEPH TRAN – Theresa Tran
7:00 pm + FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am + JACK KAVANAGH – Ed and Gloria Snow

CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am

5:00 pm + ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – Yolanta
+ MARIA TEIXEIRA - Laudalina

Sunday, October 18

9:00 am + MARIA PAVAO, MANUEL & MARIA DaSILVA
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners





"Going to confession is about going to meet with our Father who pardons us, who forgives us and who rejoices." - Pope Francis

Please keep in your prayers the students who will be receiving their **Sacrament of First Confession**, as they encounter the forgiving grace of our Lord.

Diocesan collections – During the period of Church shut-down there were a number of special Diocesan collections that were missed. This lack of donations has affected these charities. This weekend (Oct 10/11) special envelopes will be handed out as you leave the church to assist these charities. These will then be collected on October 17/18. If you are able to give, please do so. The charities that will be assisted are:

Share Lent, Pope's Pastoral Works, Holy Land, Care of Retired Priests, Needs of the Church in Canada, and World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is canceled until further notice, due to new guidelines from the Diocese of Hamilton.

While Thanksgiving will be a little different around most people's dinner table, we must still be thankful for all we have, through the goodness of the Lord.

Prayer before Thanksgiving Dinner:

*Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure
of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
the freedom to enjoy it all
And our many blessings.
As we enjoy this food,
We pray for health and strength
to continue on and to live as You would want us.
This we ask in the name of Christ,
Our Heavenly Father.
Amen*



NO MASS ON MONDAYS

NEW WEEKDAY/WEEKNIGHT MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 am + MR. & MRS. GRANT MITCHELL - Ricky
7:00 pm – for elections in the USA

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 am – ALHANDRINA FIGUEIREDO – John and Maria
THERE IS NO MASS TONIGHT due to the First Confessions for students from Holy Spirit School (group 1)

Thursday, October 22

8:00 am + DORVALINA ARAUJO – Lurdes & Joao Custodio
THERE IS NO MASS TONIGHT due to the First Confessions for students from Holy Spirit School (group 2)

Friday, October 23

8:00 am – for family peace and unity - Purita
7:00 pm + FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory begin at 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 24

8:00 am – intentions of Maria Figueiredo
CONFESSIONS at 9:00 am to 10:00 am
5:00 pm + MANUEL DEVARGAS – his wife
+ FERNANDA DaSILVEIRA – Manuel and Ana

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am + DANIELE CETRA – Cetra family
11:00 am – for the intentions of all parishioners

New protocol from the Diocese of Hamilton for those not wearing masks:

those who are unable to wear a mask due to an underlying medical condition which inhibits their ability to wear one, are to be admitted to the church, and are to be seated in a designated area at least 4 metres away from others. They may not come forward to receive Communion with others; the priest, deacon or extraordinary minister will bring Communion where they are seated.

I am thankful for

...the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
...the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.
...the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
...for the teenager who is watching TV because it means that he/she is at home and not on the streets
...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
...all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
...that lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
...lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
...my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.
...weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive.
...for the piles of laundry because it means that I have clothes to wear.
And finally for the God of Heaven who cares not only for me but for all people.



The beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener>



Society of St Vincent de Paul of St. Ambrose Parish

UPDATE:

During the past 6 months of the pandemic the volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Ambrose Parish had suspended home deliveries of food and instead referred people to the Food Bank of Cambridge.

They have now decided to resume helping, but in a different capacity. Instead of bringing non-perishable food to homes, store vouchers will be provided. This will cause a need for additional funds in order to purchase vouchers. There will be emergency instances in which food will be delivered to homes.

Christmas assistance will also be different this year, with no food hampers provided but instead with store vouchers being provided.

This pandemic year has been a struggle for all of us in so many ways (*masks, sanitizing, distancing, financially*). The needs of the less fortunate is still a great concern and the St. Vincent de Paul Society is kindly asking for monetary assistance so they can continue to help those in need. Every little bit helps!

Message from the Sisters of the Holy Trinity Mexico Mission, thanking everyone for the donations:

We always are thanking you for all your unconditional support to the Mexico missions.

Actually, we are experiencing many health difficulties in Mexico, this doesn't end. There has been contagion and death of many people, families of the young people from the household ...

I want to reiterate our thanks for the financial support that the parish sends us. The economic situation is hitting hard everywhere, especially, the most in need. Our Sisters and convents are also being affected by this situation.

Thank you everyone and I tell the girls a lot about the support from the parish of St. Ambrose. At Mass we offer thanks to God that we have a home, and we pray for all of you.

From Sister Marcelina